



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 582

Chairperson: Senator Ray Janssen
Committee: General Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 12, 2001

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 582 amends statutes relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. The bill, introduced as LB 1130 in 2000, furthers the public policy of deterring minors from obtaining or consuming alcoholic liquor.

The bill provides that a person under age twenty-one be subject to a \$250 fine, suspension of operator's license, and notification of parents or guardian for a first offense of attempt to purchase, or purchase, or have possession of alcohol, in the establishment where the offense takes place.

The definition of consumption is added to state law in this bill. A person charged with consumption of alcoholic liquor shall have the right to a chemical test of his or her blood, breath, or urine to establish whether or not he or she has consumed alcoholic liquor.

LB 582 further provides that persons under twenty-one years of age may be authorized to assist local law enforcement by attempting to purchase alcohol. The Nebraska State Patrol shall provide guidelines. The juveniles must provide truthful identification and answers to questions. They must also present an appearance that matches their chronological age.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Gene Tyson